

“Along with Governor Schwarzenegger, I want to extend my deepest sympathy to the dozens of families who have lost their homes today. I send my best wishes to the firefighter who sustained serious burns this morning and wish him a speedy recovery.

“At the same time, I sincerely thank the staff of the Governor's Office of Emergency services, the California National Guard, and especially the dedicated firefighters of CALFIRE and the Los Angeles County Fire Department whose preparation for and quick response to today's Malibu fire saved countless lives and homes. Less than a month after wildfires burned a huge swath of Southern California, we are mindful of how quickly fires can spread and what a devastating path of destruction they can leave in their wake.

“The weather forecast offers reason to be hopeful that the Santa Ana winds will die down and offer firefighters and residents some relief this evening and into tomorrow. The Governor and I are committed to ensuring that the more than 10,000 residents who have been evacuated are able to return to their homes as quickly and safely as possible. To that end, OES, CALFIRE, and firefighters are doing their best to contain the fire and to monitor the burned area to prevent flare-ups.”

Earlier today, OES briefed Governor Schwarzenegger and Lt. Governor Garamendi on the status of the Corral Fire. More information on the fire and firefighting efforts can be obtained from the Joint Information Center at 951-774-0119.

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